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Address: Adjoining Dulles International Airport, off State Rt. 7.
Site of "Leeton" is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of "Sully"

Present Owner: Transferred from the Civil Aeronautics Administration
to Fairfax County Park Authority

Present Use: Demolished 1960. Materials to be stockpiled and boxwood
transplanted at "Sully."

Last Owner and Occupant: Lewis Travis, until his retirement last year,
an attorney for the U. S. Department of
the Interior.

Brief Statement

NO

of Significance: Originally a part of "Sully" Plantation, and like the
older frame house, it was built by Richard Bland Lee. Both places were
referred to as "Sully." Year later, subsequent owners called the brick
home "Leeton" to avoid confusion with the "honeymoon" house. See also
information on "Sully" (VA-250).

In the discussions bearing on the preservation of both
historic homes, "Leeton" and "Sully", the impressive integrity of the
latter was the deciding factor in favor of concentrating on "Sully."

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Historical and Architectural Information: Built by Richard Bland Lee
about the turn of the nineteenth century. In plan, "Leeton" was
reminiscent of "Sully", but it was built more sturdily of brick with
walls two feet thick, and in a more ample manner. "Leeton" underwent
so many radical changes and additions that its original style was
obscured in the process. Proportions of the three-bay front facade

and the use of stone lintels with corner blocks below, show more than a suggestion of Federal or Early Republican influence. The upper portions of the chimney stacks were rebuilt and presumably the roof structure. Inside no clue to the original trim remained.

Likely Sources for Further Information: Mr. R. E. Wagstaff,

Curator at "Sully", who onetime lived at "Leeton". Mrs. Eleanor Lee Templeman, author of Arlington Heritage, privately printed, 1959.

"Leeton" Postscript: To prevent confusion readers are advised that there is a second "Leeton" in the Chantilly area. It is a two-story frame house, ancestral home of the Turberville branch of the Lee family, and is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis Leigh. This building is located on Rt. 657, South of Chantilly and is not threatened by the Airport.

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Approved by: Robert E. Smith Date 4-17-61
Chief Architect

*This "Leeton" was built in the mid 1800's and not by any member of the Lee family.
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